संपूर्ण विकास के लिए आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना अवधि के दौरान कार्यान्वयन हेतु खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्रालय ने अनेक योजना स्कीमें तैयार की है जिनका कुल योजना परिव्यय 146 करोड़ रुपये है । आठवीं योजना के पहले वर्ष अर्थात् 1992-93 में इन योजना स्कीमों के अन्तर्गत 32.89 करोड़ रुपये की धनराशि खर्च की गयी है ।

(ग) और (घ) यद्यपि क्षमता संस्थापन के लिए कोई लक्ष्य निर्धारित नहीं किए गये हैं फिर भी यह अनुमान है कि आठवीं योजना अवधि के दौरान फल एवं सब्जी प्रसंस्करण उद्योगों की क्षमता 9.50 लाख टन से बढ़कर 20 लाख टन हो जायेगी ।

Bifurcation of the Ministry of Food Processing Industries

3914. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to bifurcate the Ministry of Food Processing Industries;

(b) If not, what steps are proposed to give sufficient attention to solving the problems of the Indian Fishing Industry; and

(c) whether quick and remedial measures are proposed to enhance the viability of the marine fishing industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The following assistance/ incentives are being provided to the deep sea fishing sector:—

1. Provision of 33% subsidy on the cost of Indigenously constructed deep sea fishing vessels.
2. Provision of loan facility on soft terms by SCICI Ltd.
3. Assistance for construction of fishing harbours at major and minor ports.
4. Training of deep sea fishing operatives for manning the fishing vessels; and
5. Assistance for diversified fishing
6. Price reimbursement on HSD consumed by Export Oriented Deep Sea Fishing Vessels.
7. Equity participation by Marine Products Export Development Authority in deep sea fishing projects.
8. Rehabilitation assistance to sick deep sea fishing units.
9. Assistance under the Plan schemes of the Ministry of Food Processing Industries.

The Government has also constituted a Technical Committee to look into the problems of the sick deep sea fishing industry in India.

Proposal for Modernising Food Processing Industry in the Country

3915. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to modernise food processing industry in the country to make it high technology sector;

(b) If so, the details of the steps Government propose to take in this regard;

(c) whether the export target of processed foods would be achieved; and

(d) if so, to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b) In order to modernise food processing industries in the country, Government has liberalised the Industrial Policy in July, 1991 to allow food processing industries which have been placed in the high priority list, automatic permission for foreign technology agreement upto a lump-sum payment of Rs. 1 crore and royalty within 5% of the domestic sales or 8% of export sales subject to the ceiling on total payments at 8% on sales over 10 years period from the date of agreement of 7 years agreement from the date of commencement of production. Besides, the Government have reduced Customs Duty on specified food processing machinery from 40% to 25% in the Union Budget for 1993-94. In order to encourage these industries to adopt modern technologies and equipment, this Ministry has also formulated several developmental Plan schemes which seek to encourage research and development for developing low cost techniques, modernise these industries and to adopt new technologies such as pre-cooling and cold chain system, individual quick freezing of marine and processed fruits and vegetable products, on-board processing of other fish, production of fish products like surimi and fillet fish etc. The Plan schemes for modernisation of single hullers for rice milling as well as the scheme on rice milling machinery and allied equipment testing